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"The Alchemist," a play put on by the MIT Dramashop is a timeless work skillfully performed, according to our review.

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MIT's canoe team places second in the Budweiser Great Canoe Race this weekend, losing only to Maryland and defeating USC and UCLA.

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The wrestling team continues to pile up victories despite serious injury problems, as the grapplers overwhelm Tufts and Boston State. MIT's "not-so-gentle-giant," 6'6", 370-pound Erland van Lidt de Jeude '76 has another brief afternoon, recording one of his two pins in just six seconds.

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OUTSIDE

President Ford proposes new legislation that would make it a crime for government employees to reveal intelligence sources for methods and would allow the government to open the mail of persons suspected of being spies, saboteurs, or terrorists. He also places controls on intelligence agencies which will prevent the CIA from eavesdropping within the country, and will prevent the collection of information on the domestic activities of US citizens, corporations, or other groups.

Russel Train, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, bans the further manufacture of most pesticides containing mercury. Exempted are those used to control Dutch elm disease or brown lawn mold. Included are those used on golf courses and in paints.

Sean MacBride, the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia, predicts on Irish radio that guerrillas from Mozambique and Zambia will invade Rhodesia within a few weeks. The government, run by the country's white minority and led by Ian Smith, will not be able to stand after such an invasion, according to MacBride.

Open House '76 is now a reality, Chancellor Paul Gray '54 announced yesterday. During this bi-annual event, departments and centers throughout the Institute will set up exhibits explaining their projects to the public. Scheduled for April 24, the Open House has in the past attracted many thousands of people from the New England area.



Mark James

Pennsylvania Governor and presidential candidate, Milton Shapp, stresses an analytical approach to solving the nation's problems.

'Engineer's approach' needed, Shapp says

By Peter Coffee

An "engineer's approach" is needed to streamline the governmental process, Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp said in a talk last Tuesday.

Although technology has changed, the value of recognition, description and analytical solution of problems remains, the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination emphasized.

"How many of you know what a slide rule is?" the governor — who was trained as an electrical engineer — asked, pointing to the calculator as an example of a new technology which despite its impact does not change the basic approach to problem solving.

"We don't have a budget," Shapp declared. "No business starts their planning at the spending level; they start by projecting income, and the task is to keep the 'goes-outa's' below the 'goes-inta's."

Shapp said he sees as investments some projects which at first appear to be money sinks. He mentioned the Interstate highway system as one example of a project which, despite the enormous initial outlay required, paid for itself by a tax applied directly to the user: the \$0.04 per gallon gasoline tax.

The National Education Trust Fund proposed by Shapp is a parallel scheme. After reaching the desired level of achievement — as high as the doctorate, if wished — in an educational system financed by the Fund, one would pay an income tax surcharge proportionate to the services received.

This surcharge would be calculated to make the Fund self-supporting, Shapp explained, eliminating the present property tax system — which, he observed, acts as a counterincentive to building improvement. The plan, he said, would distribute the burden of education's financial backing among those who enjoy its benefits. "That's the businesslike way of doing government today," Shapp declared.

Shapp is concerned with the business of government. Referring to his creation of Jerrold Electronics, the multimillion-dollar leader of the cable television equipment industry, he continued, "I compare my experience as an executive to that of any of my opponents on either side."

The governor, whose passing reference to Richard Nixon's successor in office as "what's-his-name" drew general laughter, was applauded when he added, "The White House is not the place for on-the-job training for the Chief Executive."

Shapp answered succinctly a question asking his opinion of the export of technology exemplified by the Iranian Nuclear Engineering and Taiwanese Inertial Guidance programs in progress at the Institute: "I'm scared of it," he said, adding that "(Please turn to page 3)

MITV 'bleeps' out alleged spy's name

By Mike McNamee

Fear of a potential libel suit forced MITV to "bleep" the name of a Chinese student identified in their newscast as a "spy" for the government of Taiwan last week.

MITV obliterated the name of the student, who was accused of taking pictures at a teach-in on the Taiwan guidance-system contract to send to the government of Taiwan, after it was advised by MIT officials that MIT and MITV might be liable for slander or libel charges if the student's name was broadcast.

The Chinese student was identified in a letter published yesterday in *Thursday* as a Taiwanese naval officer and a member of the Kuomintang, the ruling party of Taiwan. The letter, signed by Phil Moore '77 of the Social Action Coordinating Committee, UAP Lee Allen '76, and Chin Liang Fan of the Fornosa Club at MIT, asked President Jerome B. Wiesner to set up a committee to investigate the incident and "infringements on the rights of foreign students while they are at MIT."

Nancy Lukitsh '78, general manager of the student-run news service, decided to "bleep" the name — put an audio signal on the videotape to obliterate the sound — last Friday morning, just before MITV was to begin daylong news shows on the MIT cable TV system.

"I decided that our story was not complete, that we hadn't gotten the (Chinese) student's side of it, and that we couldn't broadcast his name," Lukitsh told *The Tech*. "It was an editorial decision, and I made it."

The question of whether the Institute or MITV could be sued for defamation arose when Lukitsh submitted a list of stories to be shown on MITV to

Niti Salloway, station manager of the cable, Thursday night. Salloway called Louis Menand, Special Assistant to the Provost and interim head of the cable's policy board, and reviewed the list with him.

"MITV has been telling Niti (Salloway) what they're putting on the air, so she can schedule the cable, since January," Menand explained. "This was the first time she called me, however."

When Salloway explained to Menand that MITV, in its story on the teach-in, planned to identify the "spy," Menand decided to contact Lukitsh to discuss the possibility of a libel action.

"I talked to Nancy (Lukitsh), and told her I didn't want MIT or MITV laid open for action for defamation by naming someone without some very good proof," Menand said. "I told her that the decision was up to MITV, but that they should be aware of the possible consequences."

Lukitsh said she consulted with one or two members of the MITV staff, then decided to "bleep" the name. MITV is pursuing the story, she said.

Menand said he is examining the "spy" incident to see what

"It was an editorial decision, and I made it."

MIT's role should be under such circumstances. "It's been alleged several times in the past that foreign nationals have been spied upon here, and it's a serious matter that we need to look at responsibly," Menand said. "But I don't think anyone's name should be dragged out in public as a 'spy' without some substantiation."

ULSP: real world experience offered in law-related fields

By Gerald Radack

The Urban Legal Studies Program (ULSP), now in its sixth year, will be offering students a chance to work in law related fields for this summer.

The program, which is run by students, is not only for pre-law students, ULSP Planning Board member David Lintz '77 noted, pointing out that there will be participants working in the area of coastal zone management as well as in various areas of law.

Program participants are placed at various public and private agencies, which have in the past included the Massachusetts Advocacy Center and the Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice, Lintz said, adding that "since you're going into such an agency, you're more likely to get something better than a summer job pushing a pencil or being a clerk."

Another past project was a study of the effect of rail line abandonment on communities in the Boston area, Lintz said.

The proposed projects this year include a "study of women's rights in areas of family law," and coastal zone management.

"This year we also hope to get into the banking commissioner's office," Lintz added.

Interns receive a stipend of \$1200 for the ten

weeks they spend working in the program, Lintz noted.

The cost of the program is borne partly by the agencies at which the students are placed, Lintz said. "It depends on the agency — they usually pay some percentage of it," he explained.

A variety of MIT and Wellesley sources pay the balance of the program's cost, Lintz stated. He listed UROP and the President's Fund as among the MIT sources, and work-study as one of the Wellesley sources.

Applicants to the program fill out a form that is read by the members of the ULSP planning board, Lintz said. The board ranks the applications by class and school. In ranking applications, he noted, they look for "indications that the person will do well in the program, that the placement will be valuable, that he will get something out of it."

When considering applications from juniors and seniors, Lintz added, the board also looks for experience in related areas.

Last year, over 175 people applied, resulting in 15 being placed in internships. The board hopes to make 25 internships available this year, according to Lintz.

Applications for this year's program, which are available in the Preprofessional Advising and Education office, must be returned by Monday.

Review

The Alchemist: plausible

By Peter Coffee

The perfectly plausible story is the acid test of theatre. Ben Jonson's "The Alchemist" is a story of realistic characters in a setting independent of time and place, which makes the MIT Dramashop's recent production a noteworthy achievement.

The sane, balanced person, acting only from normal motives (like greed, snobbery and sex) is no easy character to convincing play. Audiences "know" how people "really" behave, and unnaturalness in the role of an everyday citizen will be pounced upon when the same flaw in a portrayal of the mad Dane might be accepted as a matter of interpretation. The closer a story comes to its audience's daily life, the greater becomes the importance of smooth, well-paced dialogue and clarity of motivation.

"The Alchemist's" straightforward plot leaves the audience free to observe and enjoy the characters as complete personalities, without the frantic struggle to "keep score" of who's done

what to whom and why that characterizes performances of, say, "Richard III." The Dramashop cast displayed considerable ability, not just as actors, but as reactors, playing against each other with high style in a story that challenges "The Sting" for suspense, surprise and distilled essence of comedy.

Emil Millet held a pivotal role, both as an actor and in his character of the butler Jeremy who, masquerading as Captain Face, draws the gullible into his absent master's house, there to be fleeced by the snake-oil salesman Subtle (Jeffrey Schwartz '72) and the bawdy bait Dol Common (played by Artist in Residence, Joan Tolentino).

Millet's character spent three hours moving in all directions at once, crossing his employer, his victims and, finally, his partners

in a series of schemes of unparalleled ellipticity. The difficulty of the part was, unfortunately, made clear beyond question by visible groping for words at several points in each of the two performances attended, but with few exceptions Millet's appearance was characterized by a commanding presence and substantial skill.

Schwartz and Tolentino were likewise required to play both "real" and fraudulent characters with frequent changes, and were surpassingly successful. The crooked triumvirate ruled the Little Theatre with the strength born of confidence, creating a tangible tension in the audience that tightened with every hitch in plots, only to be released in laughter as the trio survived successive crises.

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* The representatives on the MIT corporation from Recent Classes want to hear your nominations for the corporation, issues, and feedback. There will be an open house in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Student Center, on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 4 to 5:30, with free beer. There will be an open discussion in the Muddy Charles Pub, Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 3 to 5:30pm, BYO. All members of the MIT community are invited, especially final year graduate and undergraduate students.

* Hillel will offer creative services in the chapel on Feb. 20 at 8:15pm.

* The Cambridge YWCA is offering a five-week Crime and its Prevention course on the many inexpensive techniques which can discourage the potential attacker or thief. Arthur Fitzhugh, former security consultant to WBZ-TV will direct the course beginning Feb. 23 on Mondays from 6 to 8pm. For further information, call the YWCA at 491-6050.

* "An Evening with Dr. Abraham Kaplan," a Jewish philosophy scholar, will be held on Feb. 25 at 8pm in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Student Center.

* On Feb. 25 the Harvard Law School Forum will sponsor an address by Rep. Morris Udall, a Democratic Presidential candidate. Rep. Udall will speak at 8pm in the Harvard Science Center. A nominal admission fee will be charged at the door.

* Project MUG (the Giant Mind Users' Group) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7pm in 16-134.

* There will be a Jewish Women's Group meeting on Feb. 23 at 7:30pm in the McCormick Lounge.

* There will be an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Stuart Morgan at the Rotch Architecture Library (Room 7-238). It will run from Feb. 16 through Feb. 27 and is open daily.

* On Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 4pm in Room 2-390 Ivan Illich will discuss his recent thinking on medicine and society.

* The Social Action Coordinating Committee will offer a "Forum on Nuclear Reactor Safety: Are the Risks Merited?" at 7:30 this evening in Room 10-250. The panel will consist of Norman Rasmussen, Henry Kendall, George Rathjens, David Rose, and Joel Yellin. The special guest will be Barry Commoner.

* A Hillel Brunch will be held at 11am on Feb. 22 in the Bush Room. Members of the Mattapan Jewish Community will be attending. \$1.25 for members and \$1.50 for non-members.

* Learn the basic Red Cross First Aid skills which could save a life in a course offered by the Cambridge YWCA, meeting twice weekly beginning Feb. 24. The course will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30pm. For more information, call the Cambridge YWCA at 491-6050.

* CARE has established a special Emergency Fund for victims of the Guatemala earthquake. Those wishing to aid in this emergency may send contributions of money to: CARE, 581 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116.

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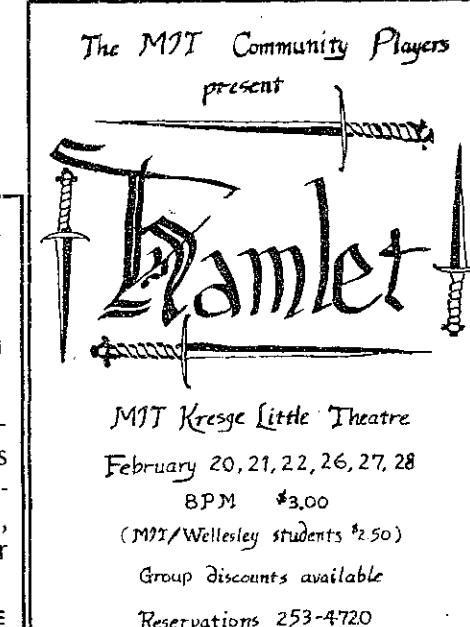
Shapp says he'll improve US life

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I think we should not be letting this information out willy-nilly around the world."

Many of those attending Shapp's appearance expressed confidence in his ability but doubted his chance of success. MIT Shapp Committee staffer John Mack may have had them in mind when he pointed out in his introductory remarks that Shapp twice fought and defeated his own party organization to become two-term Pennsylvania Governor.

Several in the audience said that they were afraid that the presidential race would become a walkway for the incumbent President Ford, little affected by a Watergate backlash. Shapp, by contrast, concluded his remarks with his one promise of the evening: "If I am... chosen as the Democratic standard-bearer, and if I... should be elected President, I will never forget the first obligation of that office: to improve the quality of life of the American people."

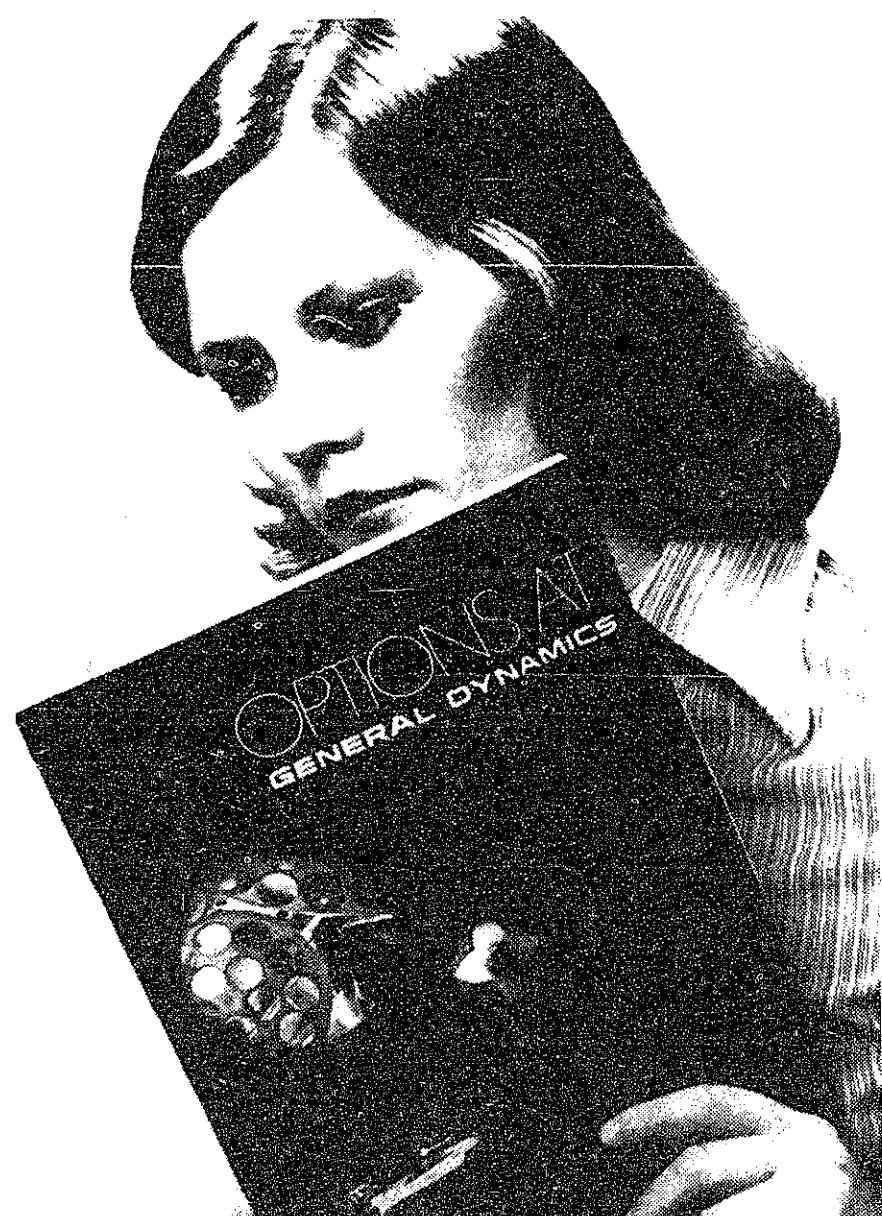


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A prowler in the east campus

area was halted by officers on Washington's Birthday when spotted in a restricted area. Before releasing, the officers took from him a 4-inch switchblade knife.

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Matmen blank Tufts, beat Boston State

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end. Gary Spletter at 167 pounds pinned his Tufts opponent and Gordon Swartz at 142 received a forfeit and lost a decision.

Leading the MIT team is co-captain Erland Van Lidth de Jeude who collected two first-period pins, including an unofficial MIT record of six seconds against the Tufts heavyweight, to preserve his perfect record at 11-0. Co-captain Joe Tavormina '76 also pinned his Tufts opponent at 167 pounds.

The only other undefeated record belongs to junior Joel Lederman who has filled in at 190 pounds and at the unlimited division when Van Lidth de Jeude was out due to a leg infection. Lederman has drawn only once and picked up seven wins, including two against Tufts

Basketball loses in OT

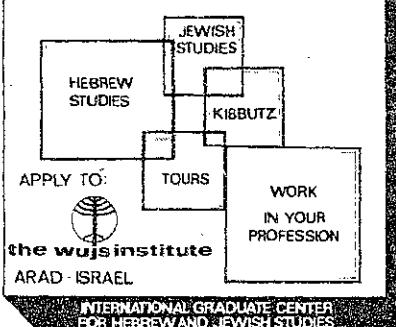
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record in blitzing Bowdoin, 106-83. Three Engineers topped 20 points in the wild, race-horse game, and the Polar Bears of Bowdoin picked up four technical fouls and had their coach ejected. Jackson, Lange, and Tom Berman '79 had 27, 24, and 21 points respectively in the shoot-out.

Against Gordon the following night, MIT had little difficulty disposing of the game but outmatched Fighting Scots, 92-75. The Engineers held a 29-point lead midway through the second half, but liberal substituting by Coach Fran O'Brien kept the score down.

MIT's single bright moment Wednesday night came in the JV game against Suffolk, as Peter Jansson '79 sank a 20-footer at the buzzer to pull out a dramatic 66-64 victory and run the junior varsity winning streak to three straight, no mean feat for a 5-12 team. The JV takes on a Harvard 'B' squad in the Cage Saturday at 2pm.

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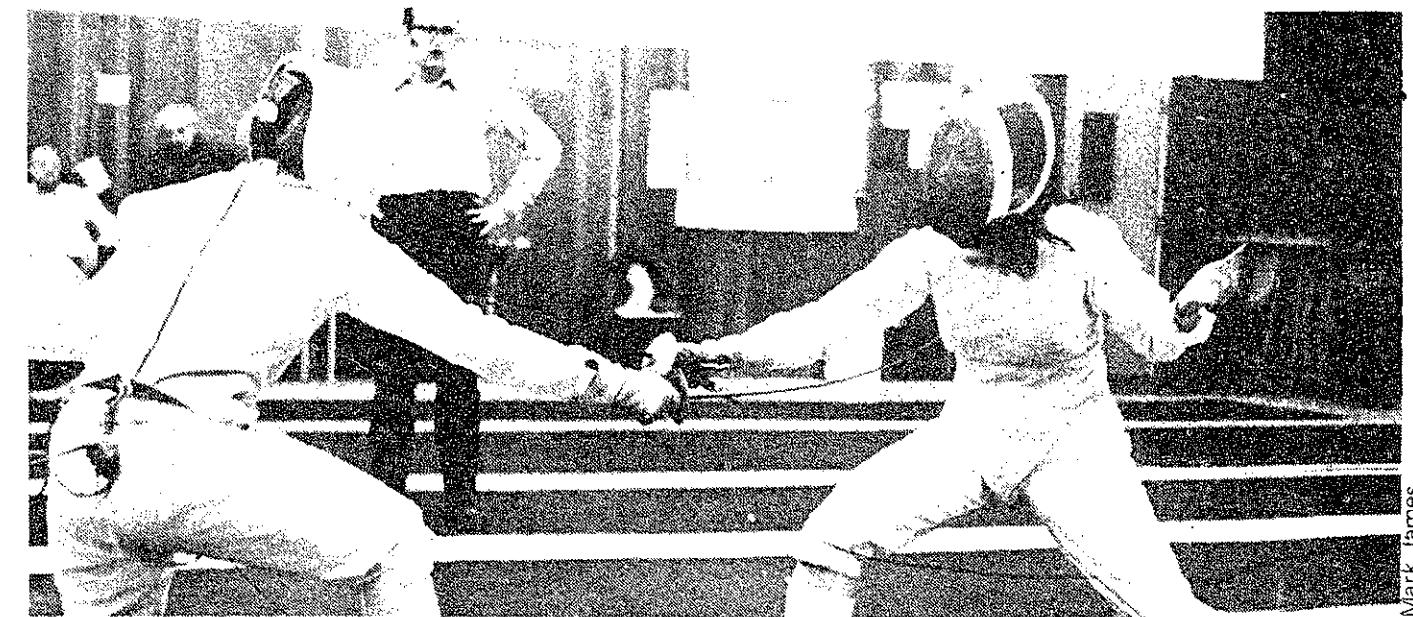
and Boston State.

Juniors Werner Haag at 134 pounds and Steve Brown at 150 pounds have been stalwarts of the MIT team. Haag pinned and super-superior decisioned his opponents while Brown pinned the Tufts wrestler but lost to the captain of the Boston State team.

The sole sophomore wrestling Saturday for MIT was 167 pound Darwin Fleischaker who won a 12-7 victory from his Boston State opposite.

Looking forward to the last regular-season dual meet against Harvard next Tuesday, Coach Chassey said, "I think we have a shot at them." As for the New England tournament February 27-28, Chassey stated, "The only thing I'll predict is that Erland will get to the finals. All our wrestlers are capable of it, but freshmen in a tournament — it's hard to say."

Last year MIT took fourth and the year previous to that captured a second as Chassey was named New England Coach of the year.



The women's fencing team ran its record to 5-1 last Thursday night with a 9-7 victory over Radcliffe. The fencers travel to New York this weekend to meet Baruch College and Stevens Tech.

Women fencers foil Radcliffe

By Jeannette Wing

On February 12, the MIT women's fencing team once again proved its strength and triumphed over Radcliffe 9-7, the fifth straight victory of the season (5-1).

Co-Captain Angela Chaney '76 won three consecutive bouts using simple surprise attacks against her first opponent, crushing her second 5-0, and using defensive tactics against her third.

Meredith Boice '78 was the star of the meet, winning both the first and the deciding ninth bout. The latter began unfavorably with Boice behind 1-2, but then she took the lead to win 5-2.

Also fencing was Judy Austin '77, who took advantage of her height and long reach to defeat two of her opponents, one of them with an effortless 5-0 score.

Jeannette Wing '78 con-

tributed the two other victories to be beaten only by Radcliffe's top fencer. Wing also enjoyed a 5-0 winning bout by fencing more aggressively than in the past.

This season the team has demonstrated strength in both skill and spirit. It looks forward to traveling to New York City this weekend to fence Baruch Friday night and Stevens Institute of Technology Saturday afternoon.

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MIT's Matt Breitenberg '76 (left) and Renan Beckman '77 attempt to pass the USC boat in this past weekend's Budweiser Great Canoe Race. MIT finished second to Maryland in the 72-hour event, with UCLA and USC trailing.

Suffolk snaps cagers' streak

By Glenn Brownstein

Suffolk University snapped the varsity basketball team's four-game winning streak Wednesday night at Rockwell cage, dealing the "Cardiac Kids" from MIT yet another down-to-the-wire heartbreaking defeat, this one 88-80 in overtime.

The win moved Suffolk's record to 16-4, and put the Rams in excellent position to receive an NCAA regional tournament bid. MIT's hope for a .500 season vanished with the loss, which sets the Engineers at 8-11 with one game remaining, that next Thursday against Worcester Poly.

MIT had run its streak to four last weekend with a Friday night 106-83 trouncing of Bowdoin College and a 92-75 romp over outmatched Gordon, but Suffolk clearly was in a different class.

Donovan Little, Suffolk's 6'4" freshman center, proved to be the Engineers' undoing, as he constantly penetrated the strong MIT defense, tallying 27 points on 13 of 22 field goal attempts and one free throw. Little domi-

nated the boards as well, garnering 20 to lead both teams.

MIT jumped out to an early 18-12 lead, but the Rams then took control and opened up a seven-point lead of their own, 32-25, with six minutes to play in the half. Suffolk's defensive problems surfaced, though, and the Engineers tied the score at the half, 39-all.

An Engineer upset appeared to be in the making through the early moments of the half, as MIT ran its offense very successfully and scored many inside shots. The Engineers ran off ten straight points at one stretch to take an eight and then later a nine-point lead, 61-52, with just 8:37 remaining in regulation time.

Suffolk's perfect record against Division III teams was not going to be spoiled without a fight, though, and the Rams began to steadily chip away at MIT's bulge, finally drawing even at 71-71 with just 2:39 showing on the clock.

The teams tied again at 73 and 75 before the Rams' John Howard hit a layup with just 18

seconds left to push Suffolk ahead. MIT's "Mr. Clutch", Cam Lange '76, then hit one of his by-now patented last-second desperation 25-footers to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the key was clearly senior Peter Jackson's fifth personal foul, committed with 2:11 remaining and MIT leading, 80-79. Jackson's offensive foul cost the Engineers its best scoring and rebounding threat of the night, and Suffolk scored the game's last nine points for the victory.

Jackson had 26 points and 14 rebounds for MIT, while Lange added 21. In addition to Little's super night, Chris Tsiotis and Pat Ryan led the Rams with 20 and 17 points, respectively.

Last Friday night, MIT tied its all-time single game scoring

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Wrestlers' mark 12-3 despite injury woes

By Farrell Peternal

Despite losing six wrestlers this season, the MIT wrestling team brought its mark to 12-3 last Saturday as it beat Boston State College 36-13 and Tufts University 55-0 in a triangular meet at MIT.

But MIT did it with different personnel than it had at the beginning of this season. Five starting varsity wrestlers are no longer filling spots for the team and one potential starter has been sidelined, almost all due to injuries. At least three others are nursing injuries that hamper their wrestling and could well put them out of the picture if they are hurt again.

Solid starters since the first match, Joe Scire '77, John Thain '77, and Steve Brigham '78 are missing from the varsity line-up due to kidney stones, bronchitis, and weight problems, respectively. Freshmen Walter Laird, Mike Raphael, and Ed Kaspar have been sidelined by injuries, while Steve Brown '77, Bruce Wrobel '79 and Gary Spletter '79 continue to compete although handicapped.

As a monument to Will Chassey's coaching ability his dozen remaining varsity

wrestlers, half of them freshmen, have filled the holes in the line-up and beaten all but three of their opponents. "I'm pleased," Chassey commented. "It's been a strong freshman class that has saved us. If this happened to us last year we couldn't have put a team on the mat."

The freshman wrestlers collectively won an 8-3 record in the Tufts-Boston State meet. 118 pound Mort Isaacson, now 12-3 in dual meets, picked up two decisions to make him second only to Erland Van Lidth de Jeude '76 in season record.

Not far behind Isaacson is freshman Norman Hairston who filled in a gap at 126 pounds two weeks ago and last weekend boosted his record to 5-1-1. Noted Chassey, "Norm has whipped his last four opponents. I'm happy with him."

177-pound freshman Bruce Wrobel pinned his Boston State opposite in 1:36 to better his record to 7-4. At 158 pounds Hoyt Davidson won a superior decision and lost a close match, giving him a 7-4 dual meet record.

Two other freshmen competed on the varsity last week.

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Fiji/Baker and Lambda Chi Alpha players surround the LCA goalie on Thursday night's 1-1 A-league tie. Defending champion Fiji/Baker winds up its quest for the title against LCA Monday night.

Babson outswims MIT, 61-52

By Jay Morris

MIT's varsity swimming team put on perhaps its best performance of the season last Saturday, taking Babson down to the final relay before losing, 61-52.

Babson took an early lead by winning the medley relay and the 1000-yard freestyle, but Gene Henschel '78 took second in the latter race with an excellent 1:29.1 to keep MIT close. Freshman Greg Floro's season-fastest 1:55.4 in the 200-yard freestyle, but Preston Vorlicek '79 and Gary Simpson '78 matched that for MIT in the 200-yard individual medley. Bob Hone '79, Vorlicek, and Floro then captured three straight firsts for MIT in the one-meter diving, 200 butterfly, and 100 freestyle, respectively.

In the diving competition, the Ehrlich-Hone duo placed first and second in the one-meter

Canoeists surprise; second in Bud race

By Janet Freeman

Thirty MIT undergraduates, 17 men and 13 women, travelled to California Feb. 11-17, courtesy of Anheuser-Busch, to participate in the Fourth Annual Budweiser Great Canoe Race in Van Nuys, Ca. The University of Maryland took first place with 499 laps in the 72-hour race, MIT was second with 477, UCLA came in third with 459, and USC, the winners for the past three years, placed last with 456 laps, 17 laps over last year's 1st place score.

The race was held on a 3/4-mile figure-eight course set in Busch Gardens. Each school paddled continuously from noon on Friday to noon Monday, supplying new two-member teams in two hour shifts.

Since MIT and Maryland had only 30 people to draw from, their teams were allowed to paddle more than once, although no team could paddle twice within twenty-four hours. USC and UCLA teams could not paddle twice for the duration of the marathon. One-third of the shifts were reserved for co-ed teams, another third for all-male teams, and the rest for all-female teams. Substitutions were allowed within the 24-hour restriction on paddling twice.

The strongest team present was undoubtedly husband-wife pair from Maryland who set a new course record by paddling 17 laps in the final two hours of competition. Both are Olympic-caliber kayakers; he represented Poland in the 1972 Games, she

represented the USA.

Their performance was indicative of Maryland's attitude towards the contest. They brought their own coach and had trained for three weeks on the Potomac River. It was rumored that they were not allowed to drink beer during their shifts, and considering that Budweiser provided free beer to contestants, this was a great sacrifice.

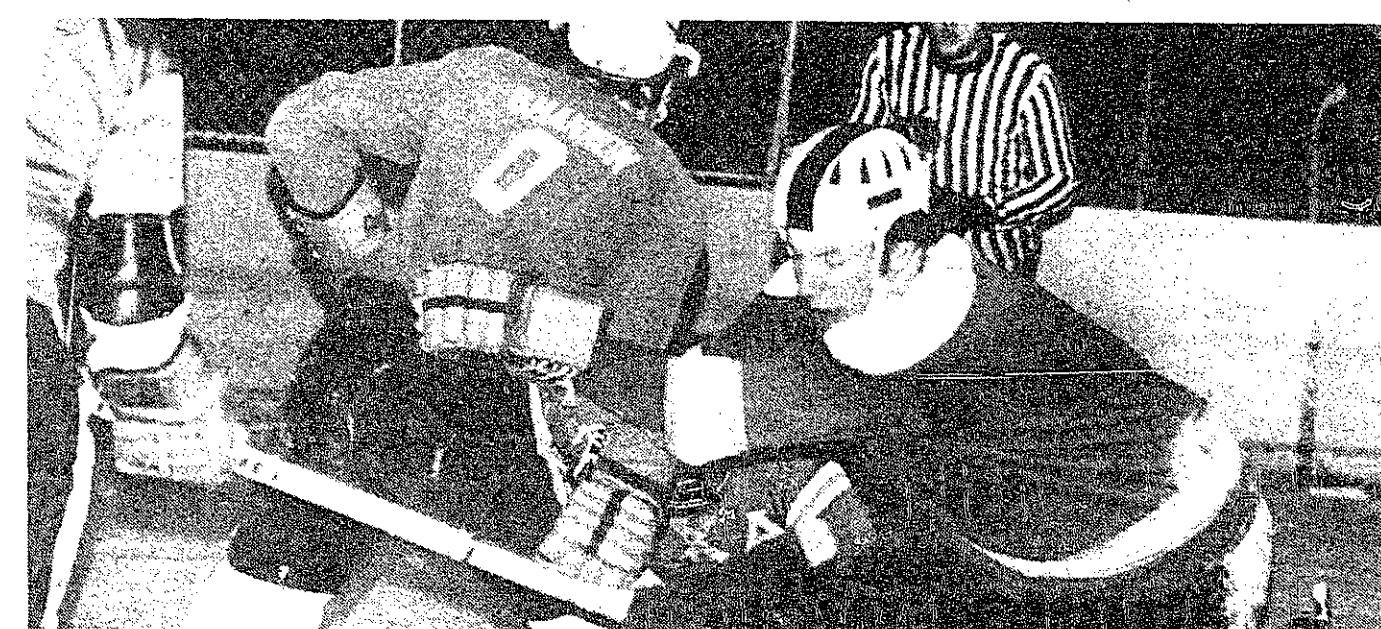
USC's ambition leaned more towards having fun, as many of their canoes tended to turn broadside on the straighter legs of the course. MIT struck a happy medium, taking home memories of Disneyland and the California beach as well as a second-place trophy.

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This year's IM Swimming meet will be held on March 9, 11, and 13. Entry forms (including times for seeding purposes and Athletic Card numbers) are due in the IM Swimming Managers' mailbox in W32-121 by 5pm, Friday, Feb. 27.



Gordon Haff

After Babson nailed down first and second in both the 200 backstroke and 500 freestyle, Simpson won the 200 breaststroke for MIT in 2:26.0 and divers Rick Ehrlich '77 and Paul Snyder '78 finished one-three in the three-meter event.

As a result, the meet's final race, the 400-yard freestyle relay proved to be the deciding one as Babson swam a 3:27.0 against MIT's strong 3:29.5, both times being season highs for the respective teams, and won the meet, 61-52.

In Monday's Greater Boston meet, the Engineers turned in a number of excellent times to take second to an excellent team from Tufts.

In the diving competition, the Ehrlich-Hone duo placed first and second in the one-meter

event and first and third from three meters. Vorlicek and Simpson combined for a silver and bronze in the 200-yard breaststroke, and MIT's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Floro, Steve Melnikoff '78, Henschel, and Sami Senne '78 took a strong second.

Senne also picked up a silver medal in the 100 freestyle event, placed third in the 200 freestyle, and anchored MIT's second-place medley relay unit.

Simpson's second and Michael Cohen's fourth in the 100 breaststroke rounded out MIT's scoring. The Engineers' 445 points placed them second overall, with Tufts' 534 leading the field, and BC's 257, Brandeis' 142, and BU's 82 following.